GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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INCIDENT OF STAMPEDE DURING RECRUITMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the incident of stampede while making recruitment of armed forces at Jalgaon, Maharashtra in November, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for mismanagement and the steps taken by the Government to check such incident in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A recruitment rally was conducted at Jalgaon from 05-14th November, 2003. On 5th November, 2003, the aspirants who were outside awaiting their turn, tried to jump the barricade. This resulted in a melee. It was, however, immediately brought under control. In the melee, a few individuals sustained minor injuries.

Adequate arrangements had been made by the District Administration and there was no mismanagement. The civil Administration had also deployed 150 policemen for the rally. Except for the above minor incident, the rally continued smoothly till its conclusion on 14th November, 2003.